

CONTRACTIONS - LESSON

Isa is going to the store for his mother.

He tells his mother "I'm going to the store now, Mom."



Isa said "I'm" instead of "I am"

When Isa says "I'm" he is using a **contraction**.

A **contraction** is a word made by putting two words together. When we make a contraction, we leave off a letter or letters and write an apostrophe (') in place of the letters.

Example: I am = I'm

Q: What did we do to change "I am" to "I'm"?

A: We left off the "a" and replaced it with an apostrophe (')

Here are some more examples of contractions and the words we changed to make them:

Contractions with "will"	
He will	He'll
She will	She'll
They will	They'll
It will	It'll
You will	You'll
I will	I'll

Contractions with "is"	
He is	He's
She is	She's
It is	It's

Contractions with "are"	
We are	We're
They are	They're
You are	You're

Let's look at the pink box. What word do you notice in all of the words in the first column? The word "will" is the same. When we make contractions with the word "will," **the first word does not change.** We leave off the letter "wi" in "will" and replace them with an apostrophe.

Practice I (Listening/Speaking):

Listen to your teacher read the words in the first column of the pink box, then listen as he/she reads the contraction that you get by combining the words. After your teacher is finished, you do the same.

Practice II (Usage):

Go back and read the words in the first column of the pink box (e.g. He will) using the words in a sentence. Now say the same sentence again, but replace it with the contraction.

Now, let's take a look at the yellow (middle) box. These contain contractions that are made with the word "is." When we make a contraction with the word "is," again, the **first word does not change**. We just leave off the "i" in "is."

Practice I (Listening/Speaking):

Listen to your teacher read the words in the first column of the yellow box, then listen as he/she reads the contraction that you get by combining the words. After your teacher is finished, you do the same.

Practice II (Usage):

Go back and read the words in the first column of the yellow box (e.g. He is) using the words in a sentence. Now say the same sentence, but replace it with the contraction.

Now, let's take a look at the blue (last) box. These contain contractions that are made with the word "are." When we make a contraction with the word "are," again, the **first word does not change**. We just leave off the "a" in "are."

Practice (Listening/Speaking):

Listen to your teacher read the words in the first column of the yellow box, then listen as he/she reads the contraction that you get by combining the words. After your teacher is finished, you do the same.

Practice II (Usage):

Go back and read the words in the first column of the pink box (e.g. They are) using the words in a sentence. Now say the same sentence, but replace it with the contraction.

Here are some tips to remember when working with contractions:

- **Contractions often start** with a pronoun such as **I, he, she, we, you, they,** or **it**
- The first word **does not change**.
- The **second word loses one or two letters** and we **replace the letters with an apostrophe**.

Now, let's practice what you have learned.

C O N T R A C T I O N S 1

Change the following into contractions.

1. He will	
2. We are	
3. They will	
4. She is	
5. It will	
6. It is	
7. You are	
8. She will	
9. He is	
10. They are	
11. You will	

C O N T R A C T I O N S 2

Rewrite the following paragraphs or sentences using contractions.

What Will They Do?

He will do his homework. She will feed the cat. I will eat my lunch.
They will go to class. You will take out the trash.

Where Are They?

We are at school. _____

They are at the park. _____

You are at the library. _____

He is at the store. _____

She is in the pool. _____

Challenge: Where Are You?

We did not learn the contraction for "I am." Use the rules that you learned to turn these words into a contraction. Then, rewrite the sentence as those above.

I am → _____ (write contraction here)

I am _____.